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SUBJECT: W/W MARIO GERARDIS POMPEO

REF: BUDAPEST 3267 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONOFF VISITED POMPEO IN JAIL ON NOVEMBER 3 AND GAVE HIM BANK CHECK FOR \$3000 WHICH HIS SISTER, AT HIS REQUEST, HAD SENT HIM THROUGH EMBASSY. AUTHORITIES WILL KEEP CHECK WITH POMPEO'S PERSONAL EFFECTS FOR HIS EVENTUAL USE IN PAYING FINE OR OTHER EXPENSES.

2. POMPEO WAS IN LOW SPIRITS DURING VISIT, COMPLAINING OF DARK AND DEPRESSING JAIL ATMOSPHERE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS NOT BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN TREATMENT RELATIVE TO OTHER HUNGARIAN PRISONERS. POLICE OFFICIAL, WHO FOLLOWED INTERVIEW THROUGH INTERPRETER, TOOK PAINS TO ASSURE THAT CONSUL UNDERSTOOD TREATMENT WAS NONDISCRIMINATORY.

3. POLICE OFFICIAL TOLD CONOFF HE EXPECTED INVESTIGATORY PHASE OF CASE TO BE CONCLUDED WITHIN 10 DAYS, AT WHICH TIME POMPEO WOULD BE MOVED INTO A LESS ARDUOUS JAIL REGIME. OFFICIAL ESTIMATED TRIAL WOULD TAKE PLACE APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS AFTER CONCLUSION OF INVESTIGATION.

4. COMMENT: POMPEO, WHILE CERTAINLY DEPRESSED,
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APPEARED TO CONOFF NO BETTER OR WORSE THAN DURING LAST

VISIT ON OCTOBER 1. HAS A HUNGARIAN ATTORNEY, WHO, HE SAID SEES HIM ABOUT EVERY TEN DAYS. CONOFF PROGNOSTICATES THAT POMPEO WILL BE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL IMPORTATION, TRANSPORT, AND PLACING INTO CIRCULATION (FOR USE AMONG FRIENDS) OF A MODEST QUANTITY OF MARIJUANA. POSSIBLE PUNISHMENT: ONE TO FIVE YEARS. TIME SPENT IN JAIL PRIOR TO TRIAL WILL BE COUNTED AGAINST FINAL SENTENCE.

5. CONOFF IS WRITING POMPEO'S SISTER TO FORWARD HER POMPEO'S RECEIPT FOR CHECK AND PASS SOME PERSONAL MESSAGES TO HER. HER NAME AND ADDRESS FYI ARE:
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3808 TIMBERLANE
MISSOULA, MONTANA 59801

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